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The newsroom that I am sitting in right now has no doubt seen its share of hilarious moments over the past 71 years.

— CT —

I know all about those things because I spent a few years in various news rooms before the demise of my desire for daily newspapers made it convenient for me to seek employment elsewhere.

— CT —

Knowing the news business, I have often thought what is the most dulling business to be engaged in these days. Probably I think the insurance business is always dull. Just a bunch of guys sitting around in gray three - piece suits talking about underwriting profits and the need for loss control systems and programs . . . Yes, I used to think the insurance business must be dull . . . But now I have a feeling that I was wrong.

— CT —

Just the other day I happened to get a hold of a good many copies of "claim forms" filed by policyholders around the country, and I have come to the conclusion that they file millions of claims for an incredible array of reasons.

— CT —

Over the past several years I have had the fortune of obtaining some of these claims, and I have passed them on to you because of the hilarious humor found in them, and again because sometime in life some of us have thought about filing such a claim.

— CT —

These cases are absolutely true, but we've omitted information on whether compensation was awarded, and the elimination of names to protect the innocent . . . But anyway, here is the way some people present their claims against insurance companies . . . You can give them a great big "E" for effort, but in most cases a much larger "F" for failure.

— CT —

And you think you've got troubles? How about the guy who won a bundle at the track, stuffed the loot in his pants and then saw the windfall (not to mention his breeches) go up in smoke?

— CT —

What about the disgruntled chef who admitted his own cheese sauces were so rich they gave him gout?

— CT —

How do you console a woman who has just been beaned by a toilet seat?

— CT —

What about the small army of life and casualty claims representatives who had to rule on whether these unfortunates should be paid for their run-ins with fate?

— CT —

Millions of claims poured into field offices around the country during 1977 — some were routine, some were dull, and some were, well memorable.

— CT —

Unfortunately for the folks who experienced these extraordinary events and those who had to rule on their worthiness for compensation, all were also too true.

— CT —

Consider, if you will, the plight of the Florida man who set out for a fun-filled day of water skiing and ended up being knocked unconscious by a fish, his boat wrecked after smashing into a tree.

— CT —

The skiller and three companions were skiing on a river, apparently stirring up the water so much that the denizens of the deep became overly stimulated. One of them — a large sturgeon or tarpon — leaped out of the water, shattered the boat's windshield and knocked the pilot unconscious. Left without a driver, the boat smashed into a tree. Something like that could ruin your whole day.

— CT —

Another incident down in

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TAXPAYERS' INFORMATION ON PROPOSITION 13, 8-SB1

Having given you a series of articles on Jarvis-Gann Initiative, the following is a series of articles on Proposition 8 and Senate Bill 1 and then compares it to Proposition 13. Clip these articles for further references. Material for these artieles was furnished by the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, Education and Transportation, the Senate Local Government Committee and State Department of Finances.

All Three On Ballot For Your Consideration Tuesday, June 6

PART FOUR OF SERIES OF SIX

— Statutory and constitutional questions are raised by the revenue distribution of Proposition 13. Under present law, counties can raise revenues only for "county purposes." Is allocation to another agency a county purpose? Is such allocation a "gift of public funds" under Article XVI, Section 6 of the Constitution?

With regard to state replacement of lost property tax revenues, there is another constitutional question of importance to schools and all local governments. Article XVI, Section 8 states:

"From all state revenues there shall first be set apart the monies to be applied by the state for support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education." This constitutionally mandated priority for distribution of scarce replacement revenues could favor schools at the expense of counties, cities, and special districts.

While payments to continue the retirement of voter-approved debt are outside of these limit, bond specialists have raised a question as to School Building Corporation Bonds. These bonds are not, strictly speaking, voter-approved debt. This method of debt-financing involves the formation of a "corporation" and the call for an override election which, by a simple majority, will authorize a district to pay "rent" to the school building corporation which constructs the needed faillities. The rent serves as revenue for school building bond redemption. Although the rent payment is voter-authorized, it is not, strictly speaking a debt, and there is no clause in Proposition 13 permitting a voter-approved override to be outside the limit. There is a strong possibility, then, that redemption of these bonds will have to be accommodated within the limit, thereby further reducing property tax revenues for operational uses.

Local Governments. The present reliance on the property tax and the eventual formula for distribution of increasingly limited property tax revenues are clearly the two most crucial factors to the continued functioning of local governments under Proposition 13.

For the 12 small California cities which do not levy a property tax, Proposition 13 would present no direct problem. If, however, some of the local services provided to these cities could suddenly find themselves involved with new municipal service responsibilities. And some of the wealthiest bedroom communities in the state, such as Piedmont, Hidden Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes, Belvedere, Ross, Larkspur, San Anselmo, and Hillsborough, would suddenly find it very difficult or not possible at all to make ends meet, since their reliance on the property tax ranges from 38 per cent to 67 per cent of total revenues. For the cities of Los Angeles, Sacramento, and others which spend more for police and fire costs than is raised by the property tax, Proposition 13 can be expected to cut into these basic services.

Reallocations of existing property tax revenues could be undertaken to protect emergency services. The so-called "amenities" of public spending — libraries, parks, and recreation — could be jettisoned or severely curtailed. Some — or all — of the property taxes spent for the operation, maintenance, and construction of city streets ($331 million in 1975-76), as well as the property taxes which subsidize public transit ($258 million in 1975-76), could be diverted to emergency serivices. Shortfalls in street and street and transit programs could then be made up by increases in motor vehicle in-lieu and fuel taxes and transit fares.

Since the total county property tax loss under Proposition 13 would be about $2.2 billion, the removal of all health and welfare costs from the property tax would still leave over $1 biilion to be cut from the county property tax. For some counties, this would require a cut in basic public protection services.

Special District. According to a state controller's 1975-76 report, there are 3,378 non-enterprise, single - purpose special districts in California

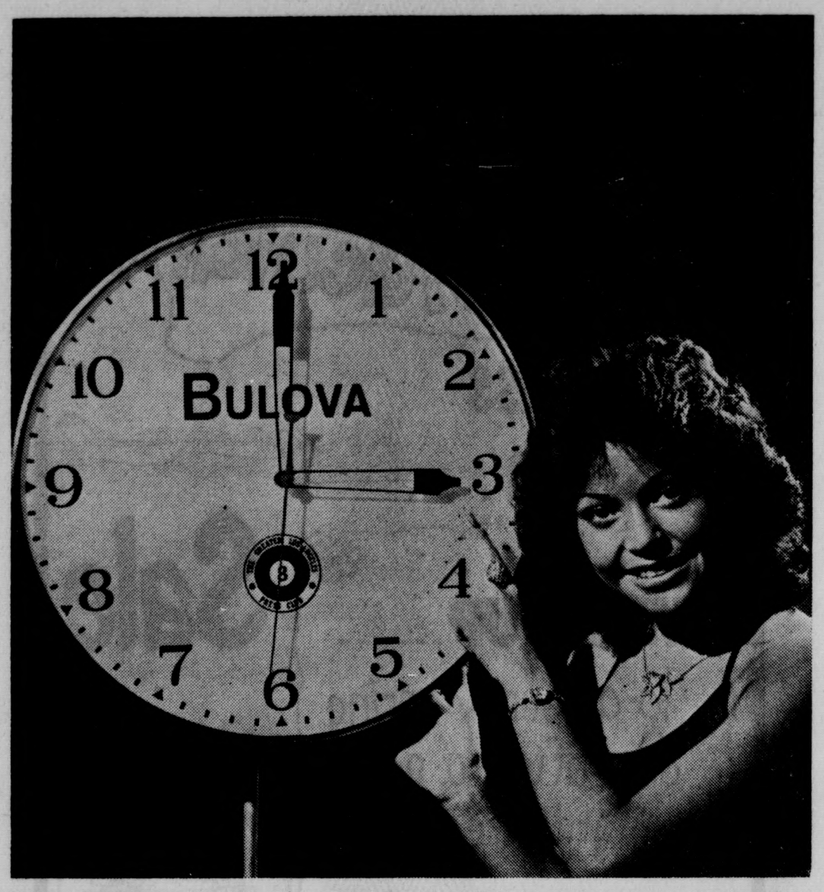
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City Council Pays Its Current Billing

Sierra Madre Councilwoman Elaine Rudolph, having received the Warrant Register prior to the regular City Council meeting called for April 25, had this to report to his fellow Councilmen:

"I have checked the Warrant Register with the billings and find that all items are either budgeted items or those approved by the Council as a whole. I have found that all billings have been properly discounted and I hereby make the motion that Resolution No. 78-16, in the amount of $132,382.09 be approved as presented." The motion received a second ano was approved and the Resolution was adopted.

The finance officer was instructed to prepare the necessary warrants, have them signed by the Interim City Administrator, the Mayor and the City Treasurer and have them dispatched to the various creditors.



PATTY KORTERO, Miss Greater Los Angeles Press Club, reminds everyone to turn their clocks ahead one hour to mark the beginning of daylight savings time which officially begins at 2 A.M., Sunday, April 30, and will so remain until October 28.

Treasures of King Tut To Sierra Madre

King Tut's treasures will come to Sierra Madre Friday, May 5, at 8 p.m., when the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's official slide and lecture program will be presented in the Sierra Madre Primary School Auditorium.

The program, which is being presented for selected groups throughout Los Angeles County by the Museum as an adjunct to the Treasures of Tutankhamun exhibition, will be brought to Sierra Madre by the Sierra Madre Woman's Club as a community service.

The program has been designed by the Museum to offer those planning to visit the exhibition a cultural and historical context in which to view the treasures and allow those unable to obtain tickets an opportunity to share the wonders of King Tut's Egypt.

The Museum lecturer, Mrs. Megan Piper, is a qualified Egyptologist from UCLA. Her presentation will include the archeological search for and discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun, as well as the religious function and aesthetic qualities of the treasures loaned for American exhibition by Egypt.

An admission of 50 cents for students and senior citizens, and $1 for adults, will be charged, with all proceeds to be donated to the Museum's Education Program by the Woman's Club, a member of Verdugo District, California and General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Reserved seat tickets may be obtained in advance by calling program co-chairmen Mrs. Richard Probart, 355-

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Nursery School To Hold Carnival Saturday, April 29

Sierra Madre Community Nursery School will hold its annual carnival on Saturday, April 29, at Sierra Vista Park, 701 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The carnival will be held between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Carnival, which is geared toward the young child, will have many game booths, food, drinks, dessert, handmare items, plants, pony rides, and an auction.

Admission is free to the carnival, which was originally scheduled for March 11, but cancelled due to rain.

Fire Dept. Obtains Film On Clearing Obstructed Airway

The Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department and its Emergency Medical Unit announces the arrival of the newest and most up-to-date film on instructions for the clearing of the obstructed airway.

The 27-minute film was purchased with money donated by several local organiaztions including the Civic Club, Women's Club plus several individuals, and will be used in conjunction with training programs offered to local residents on an on-going basis.

Depicting the methods of clearing the airway as approved by the American Red Cross and American Heart Association the film makes use of the Sierra Madre Fire Department's Nurse - Coordinator, Chay McCarthy, to demonstrate proper procedures for airway maintenance and respiratory emergencies. Use of the "Heimlich Maneuver" and "backslap" procedures are illustrated.

The monthly "Citizen

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Jarvis-Gann the Only Way To Go

Supervisor P. Schabarum Endorses Proposition 13

Pete Schabarum, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, recently publicly endorsed Propisition 13, calling the property tax reform initiative on the June 6 ballot a "major move toward getting the state's financial house in order."

Schabarum said the proposed constitutional amendment, authored by Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann, would put the brakes to the accelerating growth and spending of government at all levels.

"Short of something as dramatic as the Jarvis-Gann initiative," said the First District Supervisor, "government at all levels will continue to grow and continue to spend, requiring more tax dollars to finance the activities the politicians deem necessary."

Sitting as a member of the Board of Supervisors, Schabarum said he is "on the front line week in and week out and I agonize over the misspent dollars."

The limitations placed by Proposition 13 on the ad valorem taxes on property would pull in the reins on that runaway spending, said Schabarum, by locking restraits into the constitution.

Jarvis - Gann would place a ceiling on property taxes of one per cent of market value plus a one-quarter per cent to service outstanding general obligation bonds.

Additionally, the initiative would require a two-thirds vote by the legislature to increase the tax rate.

Schabarum pointed out that the significant difference between Proposiiton 13 and the Behr Bill (authored by State Senator Peter Behr and adopted by the legislature) is that Jarvis - Gann would become part of the state constitution while the statute could be changed at the whim of the legislature without regard to the public.

"And it has been my experience," said Schabarum, who served in the State Assembly for six years, "that such legislative changes have happened too frequently in the past."

If Proposition 13 is adopted, Schabarum said, the legisalture, if it chooses to, can enact enabling legislation which would make the transition palatable.

State lawmakers could use budgetary surpluses to provide a continuation of services on a short-term basis while at the same time alter some statewide revenue collection measures to provide for long-term relief.

"If the voters do approve the measure," said Schabarum, "then it falls to the legislature to respond.

"I see no reason at this stage to be overly excited about all the horror stories the bureaucrats and many elected officials have expressed if Jarvis - Gann passes," he added.

Schabarum said the proposiiton does have shortcomings, but "it is the only solid effort being made to make a major move to get the state's financial house in order."

The Behr Bill, he said, was a knee-jerk legislative reaction to Proposition 13.

"And on top of that," he said, "we now see the Governor trying to pacify the business community by endorsing elimination of the inventory tax. The timing of that endorsement in relation to Jarvis - Gan is interesting to note."

Both the Behr Bill and the Governor's action, said Schabarum, are clear signals that Sacramento would not and will not act unless something as dramatic as Jarvis-Gann is adopted by the people.

"I think through all the fuss and feathers," said Schabarum, "the facts as I see them suggest that all governmental entities as a result of Proposition 13 will have less reliance on property taxes, the single most onerous tax in terms of the impact on people's ability to pay."

Schabarum said in endorsing Jarvis - Gann he recognizes its imperfection, but that he sees it as the sole instrument available to the people to bring economy and effiicency to all levels of government.

"And," he added, "its adoption would demonstrate clearly that the people and not the bureaucrats run the state."

Louis Van Iersel To Be Honored

Louis Van Iersel, of this community, one of the few remaining Congressional Medal of Honor holders of the United States will be honored at the thirteenth annual celebration of Older Americans' Recognition Day at the Hall of Administration on Saturday, April 29. The affair begins at 9 a.m. in the Board Hearing Room. There will be 90 citizens presented with awards of merit.

The Parks and Recreation will coordinate a rousing program of entertainment on the County Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a no-cost lunch to be served on the Mall for Senior Citizens at noon.

TIME TO ACT SAYS DR. ADAMS

Having listened with much interets to the many campaign promises that the various candidates made prior to the election of March 7, Councilman Dr. Gary Adams, was much interested in the various statements made for the improvement of the operation of the City as a whole.

Not being a party to the election, but recognizing the

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Damage - Injury Claims Denied By City Council

Two claims, one for damages and the other for injuries received, was presented to the City Council at its regular meeting of Tuesday, April 25.

The claim for damages in the amount of $2,250 incurred to date by Mr. Louis J. A. J. Scalise, Jr., was alleged for damages to properties at 696 Woodalnd, 697 Woodland and 400 Sycamore, to cesspool, retaining wall, driveway at the first address in the amount of $1,350, the second address damage to re-

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Friends of S. M. Library's Art Fair Set For May 20, 21

Preparations for the 16th annual Sierra Madre Art Fair are now in full swing, aiming towards the festival weekend of May 20 and 21.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, the Art Fair showcases works of over 150 of California's finest artists and craftsmen in one of the most prestigous events of its kind. Memorial Park is always crowded to capacity with the thousands of visitors enjoying the arts in a natural setting, with traditional foods and a variey of entertainment.

Production requires weeks of advance work, utimately involving nearly two hundred local volunteers. Their time is donated to this "labor of love" for the benefit of the Sierra Madre Library and its patrons. Directed by Patricia Hofer, president of the Friends and head of the Art Fair Committee, their efforts are skillfully blended towards that fun-filled weekends.

The Exhibits Review Committee, under chairman Arthur Benedict, reports that all available space will be taken by closing, May 5. "We are already talking to artists about next year," says Mr. Benedict.

"There is one job still open," added Patricia. "We provide display panels for children's art and some local charitable organizations. Three or four men who have Friday open before the Fair would be very much appreciated for their help in setting up those panels. Anyone who would like to be involved can call me at 355-3037, and I will be happy to give them all the information."

There must be a lot of satisfaction in being involved, because the Art Fair is looking better than ever for sweet sixteen.

Windup For April For Local Library

Winding up the month of April the Sierra Madre Public Library will bring two diverse programs for your pleasure.

The Sutter String Quartet

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HOT SAUSAGE AND MELLOW CHEESE! Clever street-cries turn the heads of passers-by at the 16th Annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire, open till May 29 near Agoura for six consecutive weekends including Memorial Day. The Faire is a gourmet's delight where generous portions are a popular tradition. Modern "fast-foods" like hotdogs and popcorn are banished from the shire in favor of quiche, roast beef, sauteed oysters and gypsy bread. The dazzling array of Faire foods is based on careful research and serious competition. Over 100 caterers compete for 30 vendor permits with their own tasty dishes worthy of an Elizabethan banquet. The Living History Centre, the non-profit educational foundation that produces The Fairee, suggests visitors arrive in costume with an empty stomach. To arrive at The Faire, take the Ventura Freeway (101) to the Kanan Road exit and follow signs to free parking. For information call 874-FAIR.

WEATHER IN SIERRA MADRE
By Sierra Madre Water Department & Rudolph Hartman

	Regular High	Regular Low	Centigrade High	Centigrade Low
Apr. 19	..71	40	24	12
Apr. 20	..80	46	23	12
Apr. 21	..75	58	18	11
Apr. 22	..79	48	18	10
Apr. 23	..67	43	23	11
Apr. 24	..76	45	25	11
Apr. 25	..75	51	22	14

Storm total — .08"
Total rainfall to date ..45.57"
Year ago to date ..... 8.39"
2 years ago to date ....11.00"
3 years ago to date ....16.01"
(Season starts October 1 ends September 30.)

Council Goes Slow & Easy To Put City Back In Order

The City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas G. Edwards, after which he called on City Clerk L. Marie Warfel for the Roll Call. He then called on Councilwoman Elaine Rudolph to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation, followed by approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and then to each Councilman for deletions or additions to the Agenda, after which a motion and second was received to approve the agenda for the evening.

April, seeming to be the month of Proclamations, Mayor Edwards presented two such documents declaring Community Health Week for May 20 and 27 and UNICO San Gabriel Chapter be given May 18 as National Day in Sierra Madre. Both Proclamations were approved by the Council as a whole.

The Public Hearing on Weed Abatement was opened by Mayor Edwards, this being the time when any and all objections to the proposed removal of weeds, etc., from the property owners so involed were heard. The Council, by motion and second, overruler any and all objections and by motion and second ordered the street superintendent to abate the nuisance by having the weeds, rubbish, refuse and dirt removed.

After review of the situation at the Sierra Madre Cemetery by Councilman Adams, Councilman Delgatto, Public Works Superintendent Bernard Westkamper, and Acting City Administrator McRea, the following suggestions were made: That the existing wall be removed and rock be re-used, that a reinforced concrete wall with a rock front, similar to the cross sectional drawing attached, be constructed, and that the cost was estimated to be $31,839 for materials, equipment and labor. By motion and second, the Council approved the start of construction in June, but due to the emergency, with further rains, approval was given to

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Spring Spectacular

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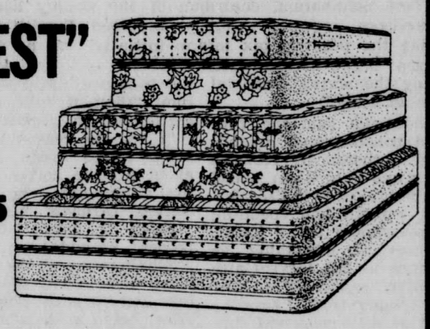
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Gossip

Congratulations to Steve Goodman, who won a ticket to see King Tut's Exhibit the end of April. Steve, age 13, won the ticket by submitting a King Tut project containing posters of art objects and history, in a contest held by his school, Foothill Junior High in Azusa. Steve, who lived in Sierra Madre for 11 years, recently moved to Azusa, and is the grandson of Norm and Ann Dumas of this community.

Hear Frank Russo is feeling like his old self again. Now that's good news.

Bob and Debbie Loomis just got back from a long weekend in Las Vegas. The whole family went along and Monday morning as they left the bright lights (hopefully not their money) for home, they made a stop at Hoover Dam. They say the tour was fantastic. Even the kids didn't realize mom and dad planned all along to sneak this bit of education (as extra credit for school) on the history of the Dam.

What new "Kid In Town" is now delivering the Los Angeles Times early, early in the a.m. with his new bride? Sure seems that they are working all angles of the newspaper business. How about old newspaper pick-ups on weekends?

Hey! Have you seen the new sign over the doorway at the Decor Center. Nice bright color too, should let everyone know just where they do business.

Someone should ask Daniel Parker if those potatoes that he or his co-workers left in the ovens Monday evening, April 17, had any intrinsic value. Fire Marshal Probart listed them on his fire report as "no value." It would seem that 50 to 75 potatoes, nicely wrapped in aluminum foil should have had some value, certainly not after baking all night . . . Truthfully, Acting City Administrator McRae didn't smile when he arrived at the Recreation Center, even when the firefighters were jovial. Course it is pretty early to smile at 8:30 a.m. Don't you think???

Latest Film At Bethany Church

Bethany Church's pastor, Robert Vander Zaaz has issued the following invitation:

"Was Jesus More than a carpenter? Come and find the answer to this compelling question, Sunday, April 30 at Bethany Church in Sierra Madre.." Josh McDowell's latest film, "More Than A Carpenter," will be shown following the evening service at 7:45 p.m. The film is not a documentation, but the story of a young man who discovers the real identity of Jesus Christ and wrestles with the truth he can't resist.

At the 6:30 p.m. hour for the evning service, Bethany Church will feature Mr. Burwell, a missionary from Wycliffe Translators. He will present, through slides and commentary, the challenging new work being developed by Wycliffe in South America. All are invited to the service and to stay and see the film.

On Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the high school young people from Bethany will be conducting a car wash, bake sale and a paper drive to raise money for a summer missionary trip to the Navajo Indians in Arizona. Cars will be expertly washed for $2 in the parking lot behind the church at 93 N. Baldwin. You are requested to take your old newspapers to this same location or call the church office at 355-1403 for pik-up. The bake sale will include homemade cakes and cookies prepared by some of the best cooks around.

Spoke to Gary at Nobee's Flowers, the other day. He is in the midst of making Mother's Day preparations. He plans to have plenty of corsages, blooming plants, and special arrangements on hand for Mom's big day Also did you know that Nobee's has a large gift display? They carry gift items for all year around occasions.

Newcomers' Club To Hold Coffee

The Arcadia - Sierra Madre Newcomer's Club will hold a Prospective Member's Coffee, on Tuesday, May 2, at 10 a.m., at the home of Cathie Walbert of Arcadia.

The club is sponsored by Welcome Wagon, Int., and is aimed at making people who are new to the area feel welcome If you have lived in either town for less than two years you are cordially invited to attend. For more information call Cathie Walbert, at 445-1039, or Eileen Rohan, at 446-1655.

We heard that Sam Tesoro sold his property on East Sierra Madre Blvd. Seems to use he is becoming a big land tycoon . . . Soon we can say "We knew him when."

Faith and First Lutheran Churches To Celebrate Together May 4th

It will be a joint - celebration of the Festival of the Lord's Ascension at 7:30 p.m. on the fortieth day after Easter, Thursday, May 4, at Faith Lutheran Church, 845 Hastings Ranch Drive. The pastor and members of First Lutheran Church, 808 N. Los Robles, will be the guests of the Hastings Ranch Congregation. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Pastor Carl Lampitt of First Lutheran Church will present the pulpit message, and Pastor Armin Hesse of the host church will serve at the liturgist and Communion celebrant.

Additional events scheduled at Faith Lutheran next week include: Youth Bible Study on Tuesday evening at 7:30; Choir rehearsal on Thursday night at 8. On Wednesday evening at 7:30, Walter Schroeder, Ph.D,. will continue his series of lectures on the Book of Revelations.

The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in activities of Loma Linda University's fifth annual Fine Arts Festival on Sunday, April 30. All events are open to the public free of charge.

Neighbors . .

Pasadena City College's parent education workshop series continues Monday, May 1, with "Food For Thought — Child Nutrition" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Revelation Community Church Child Development Center, 855 N. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena. The workshop is open to all parents and it is free of charge.

"Hummingbirds" will be the subject of a 20-minute illustrated talk by Helen and Roy Raymond at the Huntington Library, Tuesday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

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Letter To the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing you and enclosing correspondence to Senator S. I. Hayakawa.

I hope I can convey the total frustration I experienced in my future attempt to see Senator Hayakawa regarding by opposition to the Panama Canal Treaties and my views on other issues.

After sending Western Union Mailgrams, requesting an appointment with Senator Hayakawa, I foolishly flew to Washington, D.C. to hopefully see him.

After spending about $700 of my money on this "Exercise in Futility." I was not even given the courtesy of a return phone call to my request for an appointment with Senator Hayakawa or one of his aides.

Unforteunately I do not think Senator Hayakawa is any less responsive to the electorate than any other elected representative, local, state or federal.

I wasted my time and money. I have however, this little satisfaction. I learned, first hand, the total disregard that is given us by elected representatives.

They know me when their computers indicate they need money for campaigns — but they don't know me when I want to voice an opinion.

— Wilford E. Barnard

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2623, or Mrs. John Maddox, 355-0768. General admission may be obtained at the door on the evening of the program.

Windup

will make a return visit on April 28 at 8 p.m. for those of a classical nature. Following on April 29 will be a special showing of the movie, "Search For Billy." A film which depicts an actual rescue operation by the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. The film will begin at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

Now that April showers are a thing of the past, during the month of May, cheer up your children at the Children's Hour. Mrs. Betty Ryder will lead the children through the world of fantasy, suspense and adventure for an hour of story telling on May 3. Come and meet new friends at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room.

Fire

CPR" classes offered the first Thursday of each month at the fire station, 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., will make use of the film during its training session.

Further information on the film is available by calling the Fire - Police Dispatcher at 355-1414.

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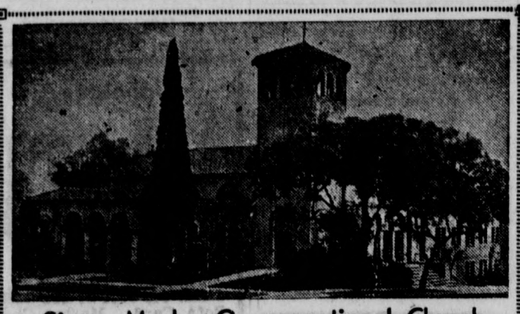
Dr. A. Franklin Turner will speak on "Radiologic Diagnosis of Heart Problems" at the Happy Hearts Club meeting Tuesday, May 2, 7:930 p.m. in Lewis Hall, Methodist Hospital, 300 W. Huntington Drive.

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The Mission Ballet Co. of Southern California, a state charter non-proft organization is proud to announce Richard Monohan as their new choreographer - director.

Mr. Monohan studied in Los Angeles with Brenislava Nijinska, sister of Nijansky. He also studied in New York with Robert Joffrey, Edward Caton, Anatole Vilzak and Igor Schwerzoff.

Mr. Monohan was soloist with Mia Slavenska - Frederic Franklin Ballet Co. which toured the United States and Canada and also with the Los Angeles Ballet under the direction of George Balanchine at the Music Center production of "Merry Widow." Also, soloist in the "Rose Adagio" in the motion picture "Bye, Bye, Birdie" and appeared as one of Julie Andrews dancing partners in "Darlin' Lili." Other picture credits include "Music Man," "Funny Girl,' "Can - Can," "State Fair," "Dr. Doolittle," "How To Succeed, Etc.,' "Mame," and "Pete's Dragon" at Disney Studios.

In television Mr. Monohan has been featured on the Smothers Brothers Show and also the Jerry Lewis Show, the Andy Williams Show and many others.

Choreographer for over a year on the Dick Sinclair Show (Polka Parade) on KTLA. Choreographed convention shows for the Lynn Willie Orchestra and assistant to the producer on the soon to be released children's fantasy special "A Little Imagination." Choreographed a Boon's Farm wine commercial. Choreographed many concerts and variety shows. He very recently choreographed an episode of "La Verne and Shirley."

Auditions will be held Saturday, May 6, at 4:30 p.m. at the beautiful new spacious 2400 sq. ft. Rikki Lugo "Dancenter," at 100 W. Lemon in Monrovia, which will be the future home of the Mission Ballet Co. and the Jazz Etc. Dance Co.

Boys and girls must be at least 13 years of age and girls must work on pointe. Their first performance will be May 21st at the Dancenter, at 5:30 p.m. celebrating Monrovia Days.

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CRA Meets and Clears Its Agenda

The Sierra Madre Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Board Chairman Thomas G. Edwards who called upon the Clerk of the Board, L. Marie Warfel to take the roll call.
Joseph Delgatto excused from the evening's meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the clarification of the monies due Meskell and Sons, contractors in the building of the new City Hall.

Although the project cannot be accepted due to certain recognized deficiencies, it was the opinion of Acting City Attorney Charles Martin that the contractor should be paid his money and the retention reduced to 3 per cent. It was the opinion of the attorney that the contractor had completed his job according to the plans. By motion and second the Executive Director was authorized to include the monies due in the Warrant Register for April 25 for work order changes and balance when billed and approved.

The Board Chairman then brought onto the table the Financial Report that was presented at the April 11 meeting and discussed with the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Adivisory Committee Chairman. Due to Councilman Corps busy season and not having the required time for ivestigating the method of city accounting, the matter was postponed until the meeting of May 11, when he will make a report to the Board on his recommended procedure that would obtain a Financial Statement as correct as possible. With further recommedations relative to a possible audit of the account, which would give the full information to the Committee and the Board for further action of the Redevelopment Agency.

Councilwoman Elaine Rudolph, having been given the Warrant Register CRA-94, in the amount of $15,812.85 consisting of payment to the Contractor Meskell and Sons, and other obligations in landscaping and supplies. She approved of the register and made the motion and received the second that they be paid as presented. The motion was approved.

Giving some time for audience participation, Board Chairman Edwards then called for adjournment and received the motion and second.

A free blood pressure clinic is scheduled Thursday, May 4, in the Pink Room, Santa Teresita Hospital, 1210 Royal Oaks Drive, Duarte, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The blood pressure clinic will be held the first Thursday of every month as long as interest continues.

Assemblyman Collier Against Proposition 8

Assemblyman John L. E. "Bud" Collier (R-San Gabriel Valley) already on record supporting Proposition 13 has come out against Proposition 8.

Proposition 8 is a proposed Constittuional Amendment providing for a split property tax roll.

"Proposiiton 8 would simply add two sentences to the Constitution permitting a lower tax rate on owner-occupied dwellings than on other property; however, a majority of Legislators would be authorized to define 'dwellings' and that, in my judgement is a drawback, he said.

"Further, this Proposition does not specify how much lower the tax rate on owner-occupied dwellings would be.

"When this concept was before the Legislature last fall, I voted 'No' because of the loopholes and I will vote 'no' on the measure again in June."

The Assemblyman said he was pleased with the work of his campaign coordinators who are: Philip B. Davenport, Arcadia; Martha Van De Verg, Sierra Madre, and Arlie Hahn, Sierra Madre.

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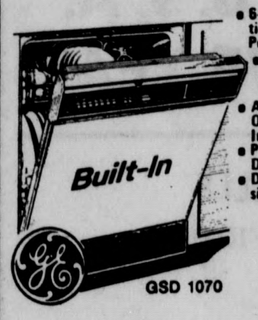
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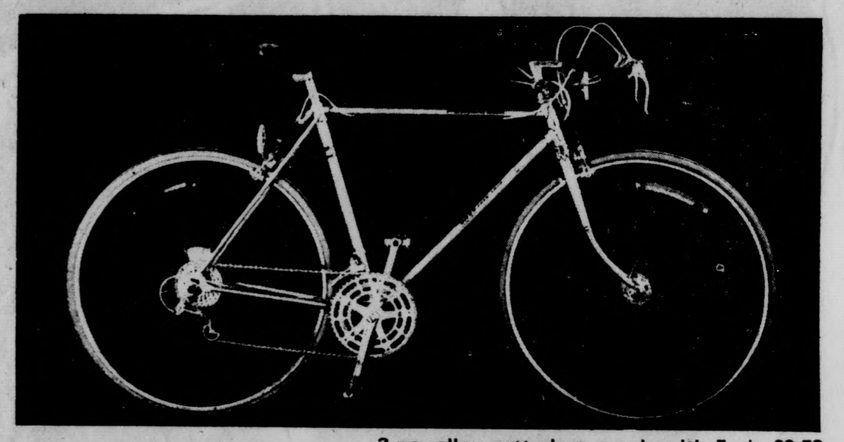
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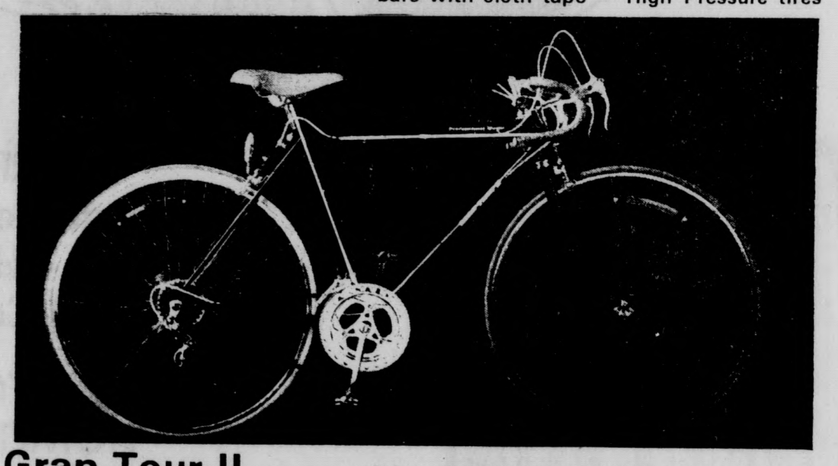
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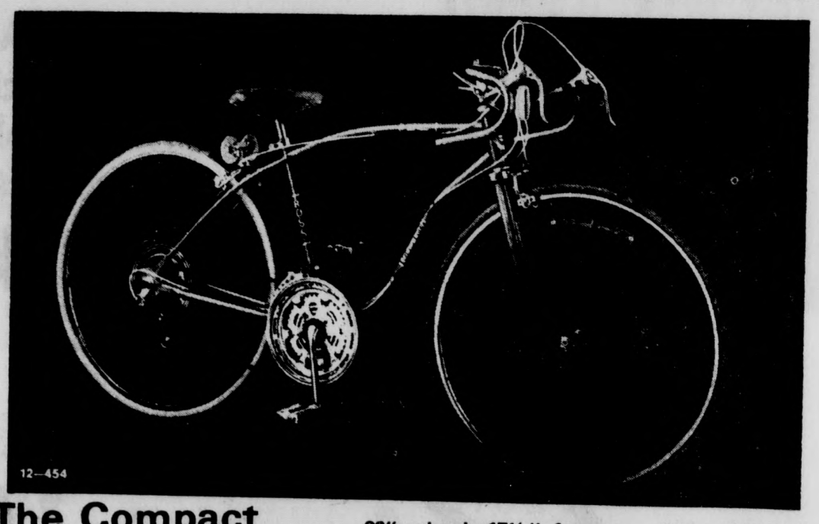
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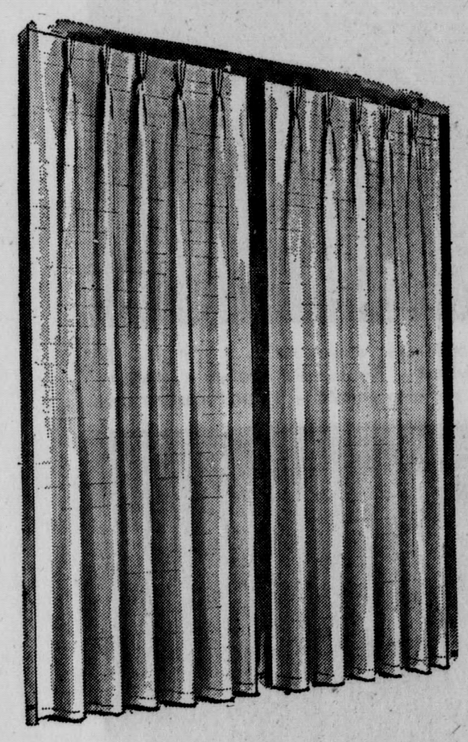
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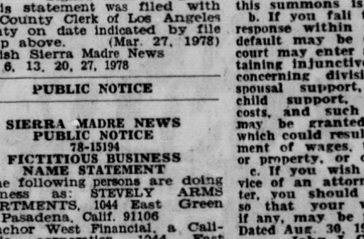
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John J. Butros, 3185 Primavera Street, Pasadena, Calif. 91107
Mary Butros, 3185 Primavera Street, Pasadena, California 91107
This business is conducted by a general partnership
Signed John J. Butros
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78-12628
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: A & S SALES, 660 Canyon Crest Drive, Sierra Madre, Afzal Bengali, 660 Canyon Crest Drive, Sierra Madre, California 91024
This business is conducted by an individual
Signed Afzal Bengali
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as: STEVELY ARMS APARTMENTS, 1044 East Green St., Pasadena, Calif. 91106
Anchor West Financial, a California corporation, 1044 East Green St., Pasadena, California 91106
Hugh Theodore Smith, 1499 Rose Villa, Pasadena, California 91106
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Signed Hugh Theodore Smith
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78-15144
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: SIERRA MADRE AUTO ELECTRIC, 15 North Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, California 91024
George Sanchez, 199 East Alegria Avenue, Sierra Madre, California 91024
This business is conducted by an individual
Signed George Sanchez
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c. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed on time.
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John J. Corcoran
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Martin F. Lorenzi,
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78-14268
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: SUNSET GARDENING, 110 East Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre, California 91024
David L. Morissette, 110 East Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre, California 91024
This business is conducted by an individual.
Signed David L. Morissette
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: GAIL'S GREENHOUSE, 225 East Foothill Blvd., Arcadia, California 91006
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Signed Gail M. Topjon
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Gas Company To Make A Refund

Future refunds to customers of Southern California Gas were used to prevent an increase in the same amount, the California Public Utilities Commission has announced.

The increase was warranted because the utility undercollected some $37 million from its customers between July, 1976, and June, 1977, due to higher prices it paid its supplies for gas than were reflected in its rates.

Subtracted from the $37 million undercollection is about $18.5 million in lower rates SoCal Gas has been paying its suppliers since October of last year.

Prior to the recent decision, SoCal Gas had on tap about $75 million in customer refunds which will eventually be returned to ratepayers. Today's decision reduces that amount to approximately $56.5 million.

The refund will be made after final decision in a PUC investigation that was launched n March, 1977, into the question of whether any refunds due customers from the state's major utilities should be refunded to all classes of service or to residential customers only.

Twenty-two days of public hearing on that investigation were held in Los Angeles, Marysville, Sacramento, San Diego, Fresno, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Visalia, and Bakersfield last year. Final decision is expected in about a month.

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INVESTMENTS IN GROWTH STOCKS

Q. — I have some shares of U.S. Steel and my broker has suggested that I sell it and buy Reynolds Metals in its place. I am willing to sell the steel stock because it seems to me that steel companies have so much foreign competition, they seem to have fallen behind a lot of foreign companies as far as keeping up with technology is concerned, and the cost of bringing their plants into compliance with pollution standards suggests to me that they are going to have to spend a lot of money that won't be earning anything. However, it looks to me that since aluminum is also a basic metal, I would just be asking for more of the same problems if I switched as he has suggested. What do you think?

A. — I'm inclined to believe your broker has made a good suggestion. Both companies are highly cyclical and both are down in price. But, Reynolds has been a very well managed company and has been able to achieve substantial gains in sales in each business cycle. Steel is a mature industry. Aluminum is a much younger industry, and it would seem that the opportunity for it to grow for many years yet as new uses are developed for the metal are very good. From the standpoint of competition and technology, it would seem like U.S. aluminum companies are pretty comparable with their foreign competition and do not have the same pdoblems that steel has. As far as pollution is concerned, I read one report where Reynolds said it felt that it has pretty well met all of its problems in this area and would not have to make any large expenditures for that purpose. There's really a lot of differences between the steel and aluminum industries, and I'd avor the aluminum.

Q. — Would you please explain what it means when a company says its dividend will be paid to all those who are shareholders "of record March 28, 1978?"

A. — When you purchase shares in a company, your formation is received by purchase goes on their books as of the date when the in-them. When they say the dividend will be paid to shareholders "of record March 28, 1978," that means they will pay the dividend to all the people that are listed as shareholders on their books at that time.

If you just bought the stock and your name doesn't get on their books, your broker will see that you get the dividend.

Q. — I have shares in National Aviation and Technology which is a "closed-end" fund. One group of shareholders has asked that we vote to convert the company to an "open-end" fund like most mutual funds. Our management has requested us to vote against this proposal. Would you explain what you think would be the best thing to do.

A. — "Closed-end" funds differ from "Open-end" funds in that they issue a set number of shares and no more. To get his money out, the shareholder has to sell his shares on the market just as he would for any other stock that he might own. In the case of the "Open-end" funds the corporation keeps on issuing new stock to anyone who wants to buy it and when you want your money back, you can turn it in and get back what ever the assets of the fund are worth at that time. In practice, the stock of most closed-end funds sell for less than the asset value of the fund most of the time. Your fund recently has been selling at about 14 per cent less than what it's liquidating value is. In other words, if your fund was an open-end fund, you would get 14 per cent more for your shares if you sold them today.

The argument for the closed-end fund is the fact that the managers have a set amount of money and this makes it easier to manage and to produce better results. It is argued that one of the reasons open-end funds have had a poor record in recent years is that sales are good when the market is high so new funds are invested at high price levels. When the market is poor, cash accumulated by the fund managers for investment at low stock prices frequentliy has to be used instead to pay off shareholders who cash in their shares.

At this particular time in your particular fund, a brokerage house has accumulated a sizeable holding of shares and apparently wants to bring about the change so that it can liquidate its holding and realize the immediate profit of 14 per cent that would result.

Q. — Could you tell me what a "floor trader" is?

A. — A floor trader is a member of a stock exchange who trades on the floor of the exchange in securities in which he has an interest.

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Mr. O'Hara welcomes your questions, but will answer them only through this column. He would be pleased to send a complimentary copy of "Better Investing Magazine" or information about investment clubs to any reader requesting it. Send 35 cents for postage and write to: Today's Investor, P.O. Box 220, Royal Oak, Michigan 48068.

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Sweet Adelines In Audition Testings

The Sweet Adelines, Inc., says "Help! We need ladies interested in harmonizing the world in song. Crown City Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. have openings for tenor, baritone, lead and bass. They said, "One of these have to be you. Come let us test you to see which one you are. If you have a song in your heart we will help you to bring it out into the open."

Mrs. Peggy Shelly, new president, will be glad to give you more information about the membership night Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at St. Edmonds Episcopal Church, 1175 S. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel (near the corner of San Gabriel Blvd. and Huntington Dr.) Her home phone number is 798-4152.

"Harmonize the World" is the motto of Sweet Adelines, Inc., an international non-profit organization of women whose purpose is to teach the art of singing four-part harmony, barbershop style. In the beginning, harmony groups weer confined strictly to male quartets, but gradually the fair sex came to lift their voices in harmony.

In 1952 a young lady named Margie Fuller from Pasadena laid the foundation for the Crown City Chapter by placing an ad in the paper. The response to the ad was overwhelming and soon the chapter began to grow. In 1953 Crown City received their charter. Twenty-five years later Mrs. Aksel Hansen still sings with the group. All are invited to attend May 4 and meet Margie and all the girls. They plan a night of food and fun.

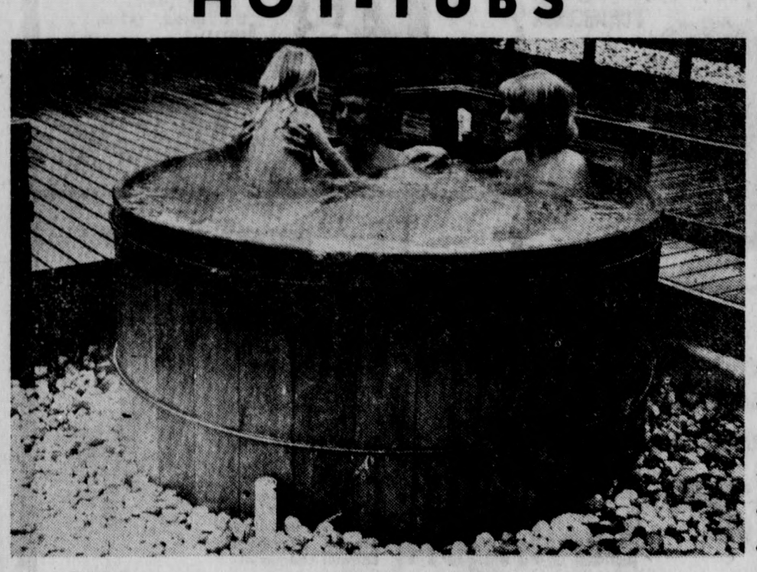
"Music for the Merrie Month of May" will be performed by the Renaissance Players at the Huntington Library Thursday, May 4 at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Under the direction of Beulah Strickler, the costumed group will play Renaissance music at 1:30 and Renaissance and Baroque music at 2:30.

Cancer Screening Now For May 3-4

Because of the heavy rainfall on the scheduled Hemoccult Screening at Methodist Hospital, April 15, the Cancer Committee of the hospital will offer four additional screening sessions for the detection of colo-rectal concer. These sessions are set at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 3rd and 4th, in the hospital auditorium.

For additional information call the Methodist Hospital Cancer Registry 445-4441, Ext. 236.

The Pasadena Youth Symphony will hold its final performance of the season Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 4 p.m. at Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena.

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Acting City Administrator McRea presented the Council with the proposition of using Title II anti-recession funds in the amount of $7,600 to employe a non-classified temporary position of accounting in the Finance Department, at a cost of $1,265 a month. Due to the condition of the Finance Depart- which is in bad need of assistance, the Council, by motion and second, approved of the allocation and authorized the Acting Administrator to seek such an employee.

That portion of the City Code being Article II, Chapter 2, concerning the Ordinance pertaining to the duties of the City Administrator was presented by the Acting City Administrator as instructed. Because of failure to include the Ordinance prior to the existing Ordinance for Council comparing, the item was postponed until the May 11 meeting for comparison and discussion relative to correcting some of the deficiencies.

A request by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce for a Pumpkin Pie Judging Contest for October 29 was made. The Parks and Recreation Commission, having approved of the request the day before, the Council, by motion and second, gave approval.

Acting City Administrator McRea then presented the Council with a reporting procedure and method of utilizing Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of approximately $114,000 to be received from October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1979.

The Council, by motion and second, called for an Administrative Hearing on the expenditures and set May 9 for community input with a preliminary budget hearing to follow, and further requesting a transfer of funds upon receipt of the entitlement of approximately $57,000.

Having completed the agenda, calling upon the audience for second participation period, Mayor Edwards then called upon the Acting City Administrator, and each member of the Council for further input or recomemndations for further agenda items, after which he called for a personnel session after which a motion and second for adjournment was presented and so moved.

Claims

taining wall at $400 and to the last damage to mail boxes, railings and walkways at $500. The damage was supposed to have occurred between Dcember, 1977 and February 6, 1978. The claim was based on the damage being done by City crews and heavy equipment. Having reviewed the claim and testimony of the City crews, the Council denied the claim and referred it to their insurance carrier for disposition.

The other claim is for an injury alleged to have happened at the Sierra Madre Swiming Pool, and was in an undetermined amount. The claimant is Elvira Davis for her daughter Trina R. Williams, who is alleged to have slipped and falling while using the pool on or about June 15, 1977. The Council denied the unknown amount of the claim and referred it to their insurance carriers for further disposition.

Time

many problems as discussed, Dr. Adams has, with enthusiasm, joined with the elected group in discussion of those problems since the election and the seating of the new Council.

After holding various personnel sessions with the department heads of the City, Dr. Adams had this to say after the morning meeting of Friday, April 21: "The City Council had met with and listened to all of the city department heads. I suggest that if the Council had any inentions of making certain changes, that these should be considered very quickly. It is my opinion that the Council is rapidly becoming as much of the problem as the solution."

He further stated, "I do not have any definite changes in mind, but I feel that subject should be discussed by the Council and made public, so the people would have notice of the Council's intention, the Council's thinking, and what the relationships are going to be." He concluded with the following, "I hope that the City Council will act quickly to decide what changes are going to be made and how this would be accomplished."

In answer to these remarks, Mayor Edwards suggested that another personned session could be scheduled following the April 25 regular meeting, at which time the Council could discuss all the information that has been received, and determine what action to take.

The personnel session was called, and a report, if any, of the decisons will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Sierra Madre News.

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Lillian Haverick Given Final Rites

Services were held on Monday, April 24 at the hour of 1 o'clock, at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church for Lillian K. Haverick, age 82, who passed away at the Sierra Madre Community Hospital on April 21 after a lengthy illness. Rev. Kenneth McMillan was in charge of the services.

Lillian formerly lived at 28 North Baldwin and was a former sales clerk for Rickeman's and Perry Stationary Store. She came to California some 52 years ago from the State of Iowa and to Sierra Madre in 1945.

In parting this life she leaves a daughter-in-law, Virginia Haverick of Toluca Lake; a grandson, Richard Haverick of Woodland Hills, also a granddaughter Kathleen Buster, West Hollywood, also four great grandchildren.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale with Ripple Mortuary of Sierra Madre making all of the arrangements.

The fourth annual dinner dance of the Southern California Chapters of the National Foundation for Illeitis and Colitis will be held at the Century Plaza Hotel on May 6. Guests of honor will be Mr. Vincent S. Peterson and William H. Bacrach, M.D.

A big "Bienvenidos" will greet attendees of the Festival Cinco de Mayo sponsored by Alianza, Spanish speaking parent group of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Center. Festival Cinco de Mayo will be held Sunday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Family Picnic Area No. 3 in Frank G. Bonelli Park, San Dimas.

Mini-Conference To Be Held May 6

Something new is coming to Sierra Madre. A Christian Education Mini - Conference will be held May 6 at Bethany Church, 93 North Baldwin. The theme will be "Reaching and Teaching Children," and a full day of new, exciting ideas has been planned.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Each person attending will choose four to 20 seminars to attend. The seminars offered will be storytelling, puppetry, music, chalk drawing, learning games, using audio-visuals, Bible survey, child psychology, child evangelism, discipline and many more. A luncheon will be served at noon and a special guest speaker, Miss Alberta Hanson will bring an "inspiration" from her years of experience in Christian educatio in the Southern California area.

Many aspects of Christian education will be covered during the day and any who are interested in attending can receive more informa- or register by calling the church office at 355-1403.A cost of $2 will be charged for the total day's program, including the luncheon.

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"Federal regulations are expected to cost business taxpayers, and consumers f02.7-billion in fiscal 1979," Representative John H. Rousselot (R-26th) stated after reviewing a report by Murray L. Weidenbaum, director, Center for the Study of American Business, Washington University, St. Louis.

Congressman Rousselot, a member of the Joint Economic Commitee, pointed out "This study confirms that government regulation has a far more pervasive impact on our economy and on consumers than is generally realized.

"The impact affects everyone in the form of either higher taxes to pay the regulators or higher prices charged by business to comply with the regulations, or both."

The study concludes that the cost of operating federal regulatory agencies is rising faster than the rise in the Federal budget as a whole faster than the population increase, and faster than the rise in our gross national product. The cost of maintaining 41 regulatory agencies is estimated to have increased from $2.2-billion in fiscal year 1974 to $4.8-billion in fiscal 1979; a 115 per cent increase.

The study. according to Rousselot, also concluded that federally - mandated safety and environmental features have increased the price if the average automobile by $666 in 1978. And regulations currently add between $1500 and $2500 to the cost of a typical new house. The added cost to new home purchases last year was $4-billion.

"During the series of hearings," Rousselot said, "we wanted to find out how much of this regulation is necessary and what effect it is having on our economy; how much it is helping to drive up prices in this country and whether it is denying jobs to American workers." The Joint Economic Subcommittee on Economic Growth and Stabilization hearings began last week.

The purpose of the report, according to Congressman Rousselot, is to examine the various costs that are incurred in the process of government regulation. By raising the public information level, he pointed out, it is hoped that governmental decision making in this important area can become o more balanced process, giving equal weight to the costs and other disadvantages as well as the benefits and other advantages of proposed actions. Quoting from the report "The result, hopefully, will be the attainment of important national objectives with greater effectiveness than characterizes the present situation."

Thousands For Defeat!

Assemblyman John L. E. "Bud" Collier (R-San Gabriel Valley), siding with a minority of office holders who support the Jarvis Amendment, said he is concerned that thousands of dollars are being raised to defeat the measure.

"I concur with former Governor Ronald Reagan that defeat of the Jarvis Proposition now, would give a 'green light' to the big spenders in Sacramento to not forgo property tax relief but to even raise taxes. Therefore. we must resist the litigation and dollars because passage of the amendment is essential," the veteran legislator said.

Collier's office periodically reports the Assemblyman to be grouped with a half-dozen other legislators from around the state who vote to spend the leost amount of tax dollars. There are 80 members in the State Assembly.

Collier also known as a critic of Governor Brown during much of the latter's term, said in a fiery statement from his campaign headquarters, that Brown dropped some of the sensible experts on the State Energy Commission and replaced them with "misguided idealists" and "academicians." Further. the Assemblyman said the Energy Commission now duplicates much of the work of the Public Utilities Commission and he estimated that duplication is costing the taxpayer $10 million annually.

Try, Try Again!

Enterprising New Yorkers trying to profit from California's unclaimed restoration program are passing out some wrong information which could cost thousands of Golden S ate residents an unnecessory $10 each, State Controller Kenneth Cory warned recently.

Cory said that the New York operation is mailing a "notice regarding the confiscation of a savings account" to many of the 77,000 owners of unclaimed property named in advertisements recently placed stotewide by his office. The "notice" solicits completion of an "information applicotioni form" at a fee of $10.

"To begin wi.h. no one needs to pay $10 or any other amount to recover unclaimed property reported to my office," Cory said. "but even worse, this so-called 'notice' untruthfully states the property will be 'confiscated' and the owners will 'automaticolly looose (sic) any chance' of recovery.

"When unclaimed property is reported to my office it is for the purpose of safekeeping and restoration to the owners wherever possible. This property remains subject to claim forever. We advertise in an effort to reunite owners with their property, and even write to their last known addresses telling them how to reclaim their property free of charge."

Cory said National Reports of Niagara Falls, New York, apparently is using the names in the advertisements as a mailing list for its solicitation which says "we will guarantee to send you all the information to enable you to enter a claim."

"There may be nothing illegal about National Reports' solicitation, but all the information onyone on that list needs is readily available by writing or even telephoning my office," Cory said. "National Reports is using fear of non-existant confiscation to sell a valueless service for $10."

Cory said the solicitation seems to be a variation on the mass-mailing "heir-chasers" who perennially lure a harvest of dollars from thousands of Californians who think they may share in abandoned property or unclaimed estates. These activities are not necessarily illegal but they differ greatly from the practices of licensed investigators in this field.

"We urge people who receive these letters to read them carefully and be sure they understand what they will be getting for their money," Cory said. "In virtually every instance they can get better and faster results through direct contact with my office at no expense."

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The Buccaneer

"Nature Notes"

By Sandor Junkunc

Actually, the meeting of my second friend truly surprised me while I was lining up a pleasant scene in my camera's viewfinder. A small, woodsy area along a path near the river caught my attention. It wasn't so much the serene, secluded beauty of the path as it was its familiarity that made it unusual. A tingling feeling deep inside slowly crept into my consciousness, telling me that I had been here before . . . many years earlier!

There wasn't much left of the path to recognize. In fact, all that remained was forty or so feet of narrow earth, with graceful oaks overhead, and leafy plants crowding its sides. The north end of the path was now cut off by hardy bushes. Its southern extent was carved away by many journeys of the river, leaving an abrupt gash four or five feet deep!

Nonethelsss, what with all the abuse Nature had thrown its way it was definitely my old friend. You see, years ago, while still intact, this spot had been one of my favorite places in the canyon! The many cottontailed rabbits I've seen spread out full length on the warm, soft earth of the path . . . soaking up the early morning sun's rays! Politely, they would stretch. Yawn. Very innocent. Very unaware of my presence!

On many occasions ground squirrels would scramble along the rubble of rock along the hillside nearby. Once, even a shy, elusive wood rat (pack rat) was spied one early morning peeking out of its twiggy home.

And the coyotes! On this very path I would wait quietly . . . patiently . . . on warm summer evenings, watching in the dimming light for any signs of furry movement. Eventually, I would be rewarded with a coyote appearing above a rise in the middle of the arroyo. Soon, another would join it till the entire coyote family would be there . . . . four or five in all . . . crossing the dry river bed, silent shadows!

Who knows how many more rainy years the path can withstand before it is completely gone forever! But come what may, the memory of these places can never be taken from me.

Reunion with old friends . . . a river and a path. Old, very special friends, indeed.

Rangers' Camp Registration Open For New Season

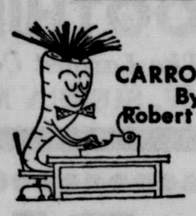
Horseback riding, bicycle motocross racing and overnight camping will be offered this summer to youths 7 to 14 at the Woodcraft Rangers' Stanley Ranch Camp, now in its 56th year of operation.

Nestled in the nearby Saugus hills, this 240-acre nonprofit western camp is now accepting reservations for its eight one-week sessions that begin on July 3.

"Our program is structured around camping activities," according to Bill Matzner, resident camp director. "We have three-day backback trips for the older campers, trips to nearby lakes for fishing and swimming and a B-B gun range as well as the more traditional activities," he pointed out. Swimming and swimming instructons in the two camp pools, archery and crafts are also included in the Stanley Ranch Camp schedule.

A staff of 30 counselors, instructors and specialists supervise the campers. Boys and girls meet in separate groups, each with its own counselors. At meal times, camp fire programs and for special events the entire camp is together.

Information on this low-cost camp, which is partially funded through United Way, can be obtained by contacting the Woodcraft Rangers, 2111 Park Grove Ave., Los Angeles, 9007, telephone 749-3031.



CARROT TOP
By Robert Evans

Dixie earned the Oliver Hardy "Why Don't You Do Something to Help Me?" award for 1977.

— CT —

An Alabamaa driver happened upon a two-car accident being investigated by the police. Advised to back up by the officer on duty, the driver shifted into reverse and proceeded around the block. No problem here, except that the made the trip backwards, at 50 mph, smashing into two parked cars in the process. His defense: "I just did what the policeman said." And they say there's no respect for law and order anymore.

— CT —

The "Alawys Make Sure Yuo Know What You're Squeezing" trophy goes to a policyholder who was tortured by mosquitoes. In the middle of the night he leaped out of bed and, unable to stand the torment any longer, sprayed the little winged devils into oblivion. You can imagine his surprise when, upon opening his baby blue eyes the next morning, he discovered he had sprayed the entire bedroom with red enamel paint — not insecticide. Oh well, history is full of Pyrrhis victories.

— CT —

And here's an example we can all identify with — love and devotion gone wry.

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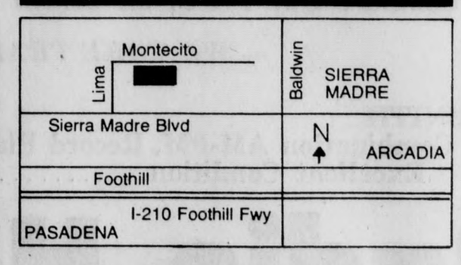


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Pasadena City College's Production Dance Company and Afro-Modern Jazz students will present "Dance Innovations" Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27 - 29, in PCC's Sexson Auditorium.

Thirty Years Ago:
May, 1948

A remarkable collection of 19th and early 20th century clothing, quilts, and needlework was displayed in the basement hall of the Congregational Church, Friday afternoon, when the Women's Society gave silver tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, 29 Suffolk, celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a trip to Santa Barbara recently. They left immediately after Don's vaudeville acts at the Lion's Capers in Monrovia.

Sierra Madre Volunteer Firemen with their wives, to the number of 60, were guests last Sunday night at a sumptuous dinner given at the Woman's Clubhouse. The dinner party was a spontaneous gesture of many Sierra Madreans who wished to express their admiration and appreciation to Fire Chief Jim Heasley and his men.

The meat department at the Pratt Market has been sold. E. P. Lombardi of 601 Ramona, has sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Burt. Mr. Burt, (known as "Red"), took over May 1st. He is well known here, having been in the meat departments of Roberts, Roess, Brock Market and Pratt's.

Police Blotter — A dog left in a basement would naturally howl, squeal or whatever a dog can do to get released . . . Dog bite . . . . An overdose of sleeping pills, called for the ambulance . . . Boy with bike insists on riding through the flowers of a neighbor . . . Photoraph solicitors without a license are soon discovered . . . . Coming in at a late hour, plus inebriation, plus a boy friend who stays a while, too long, plus loud and boisterous love making and a few other objectionable performances, finally became too much for the good neighbor to bear. She called the police at 2 a.m. . . .. Suspicious man leering out from a vacant house was picked up later by the cops. Proved to be a real transient, a tramp, a bum and everything that applies to such.

Twenty Years Ago:
May, 1958

The Mothersingers, a Sierra Madre PTA group, will give their first performance at the PTA meeting May 19 in the auditorium of the Highland Avenue School with Mrs. Dale Howbert in charge.

Uniformed Boy Scouts and volunteer students from Sierra Madre schools, both public and private, will distribute handbills this weekend urging Sierra Madreans to join the Clean-Up campaign sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Unless the skunk that bit an eight-year-old Sierra Madre boy is found within the next few days, the youngster will have to undergo the painful series of shots for rabies. The young man was bitten on the left index finger while playing with the animal near his home.

Dozens of suggestions aimed at enhancing Sierra Madre's reputation as an ideal place to live are included in a report prepared and adopted by community leaders under the direction of Col. Walter D. Thurber. It's impossible, because of space limitations, to cover all facets of the repore, but some of the main recommendations are, under the heading of Business District: Devise a distinctive appearance for Sierra Madre's business district, perhaps in the form of a frontier town, Spanish hacienda or early American: Establish a nursery in midtown which would enable mothers to shop without worrying about their youngsters: Provide rest rooms in the business area: Attempt to atrract a "Penny-type," well - stocked department store to Sierra Madre which should stimulate other business: Form a committee to attract light industry to Sierra Madre.

Ten Years Ago:
May, 1968

Easter day was definitely a fun - filled day at the Frederic Schweppe home on North Lima Street. (We might add that the day was also filled with hordes of baby ducks and chickens running about all over the pace.) An Easter Egg Hunt and a delicious dinner was enjoyed by the whole family.

President Earl La Lone announced that Opening Day at Heasley Field saw a large crowd on hand to help get the season off to a rousing start. Mayor Ralph R. Rule read a proclamation naming April 27 official Baseball Day in Sierra Madre.

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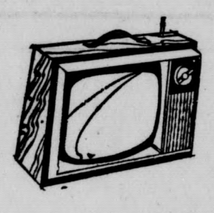
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Wednesday — Beef on a bun, French fries, orange wedges and milk.

Thursday — Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, cabbage, pineapple and raisin salad, cinnamon roll and milk.

Friday — Enchilada pie, green salad, cranberry applesauce, whole wheat bread and, butter and milk.

GRADES 4 - 6

Monday — Burrito, carrots with orange sauce, banana or grapes, PNB cookie and milk.

Tuesday — Spaghetti, spinach, fruit cocktail, French bread and butter and milk.

Wednesday — Beef on a bun, French fries, orange wedges and milk.

Thursday — Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, cabbage, pineapple and raisin salad, cinnamon roll and milk.

Friday — Enchilada pie, green salad, cranberry applesauce, whole wheat bread and butter and milk.

A Woman Ought To Know

Send questions to: Anita Miller, chairperson, California Commission on the Status of Women, 926 J Street Suite 1014, Sacramento. CA 95814.

J. M., Palo Alto, writes, "I'm willing to try a job that's not traditional for women. But I want to be practical. What careers will likely have a lot of openings for women in the future?

A good source for glimpsing the economic outlook for numerous jobs is the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics publication, "Occupational Outlook Handbook," just published for 1977-78. You should find it in your local library.

If you don't have a college education, consider becoming a dental laboratory technician. Earnings are between $15,000 and $19,000 yearly — more than that of dental hygienists. Or, become a travel agent and earn between $10,000 and $20,000, depending upon your ability to build a clientele.

Chefs will be much in demand in the future. Salaries range from $8,000 to $50,000 and are climbing. Remember, women now must be paid equally in this field as any other.

Many jobs requiring a formal education are opening up to women. Computer programming is an excellent field with the demand growing annually. You can earn between $17,000 and $25,000.

A new, wide-opening occupation is that of physician's assistant. Salaries, now ranging between $12,000 and $20,000, will grow as demand increases. An occupation related to medicine, respiratory therapist, will pay you $10,000 to $19,000.

Women are already doing well as real estate agents or brokers, earning between $12,000 and $20,000 and more with experience. This field should continue to grow if housing increases.

The demand for systems analysists is rising, and so is the pay. You can expect to earn $16,000 to $23,000.

Many lucrative occupations you might have considered are described in "Occupational Outlook Handbook," such as architect, dentist, engineer, pharmacist, psychologist, accountant. Women are now being hired as airplane pilots — at up to $70,000 per year.

Look for good pay and future opportunities, as well as a job you will like.

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The California Commission on the Status of Women responds to queries about the changing status of California women. Persons wishing information may write to Betty Stephens, chairman, California Commission on the Status of Women, 926 J Street, Room 1506, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Cobwebs

The Beaver Patrol of Sierra Madre Boy Scout Troop 373 placed in the top five out of 168 competing patrols for the Trailwise Camping Award during the Annual Rose Bowl District Camporee, in Oak Grove Park.

World War I Medal of Honor winner (Sergeant, Retired) Louis Van Iersel of Sierra Madre led the Pledge of Allegiance on May 1 for 470 new United States citizens. The ceremony was held at the Ahmanson Theatre as part of the Law Day observance.

There will be a "happening" at Ralph Shoes starting Monday morning, May 13, seems that Ralph Hurwit has been successful in talking his landlord into a complete remodeling of this family shoe store.

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ently very happy couple loaned her car to the other lovebird in the early fall, with the understanding that he'd drive it cross-country and meet her soon for the nuptials. It took the poor lady several months to reach the conclusion that her fiance had gone west with the car, apparently forgetting about the wedding. She filed a stolen car claim.

— CT —

Getting back to our first three cases of abandoned normalcy, the gambling enthusiast headed for a racetrack in the East and was quite sucessful. He had the presence of mind to quickly conceal the winnings in his trousers. He then apparently got nervous, lit up a cigarette, and proceeded to set his pants on fire, destroying the cash, the breeches and, no doubt, his entire afternoon. We've heard of money burning a hole in some folks' pockets, but this is going a little too far!

— CT —

A claims representative was presented with the chef's piece de resistance in the form of a request for workers cmopensation reimbursement. Seems like he tasted his own rich cheese sauces so often that he finally developed gout and found it hard to work. The imagination runs wild with the possibilities of excesses in other professions.

— CT —

Then there's the case of the poor lady from New Jersey who had to explain how she was hit in the head by a toilet seat after walking under it. She entered a variety store only to be beaned by the seat which fell from an overhead display. And they claim there's no more adventure in the world!

— CT —

Just to quell the rumors that backaches are a dead issue these days, we offer one final tale of woe.

A mortician filed a claim seeking payment for a strained back. Seems like business was so good he had loaded too many caskets into his hearse.

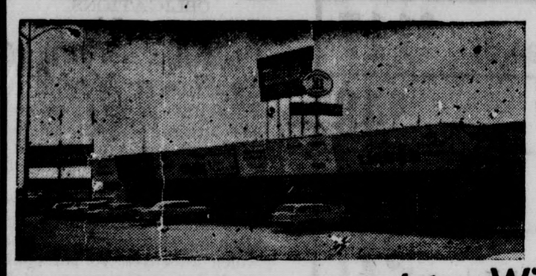
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With all the troubles chronicled here, it might be well to remember what an anymouse author once wrote:

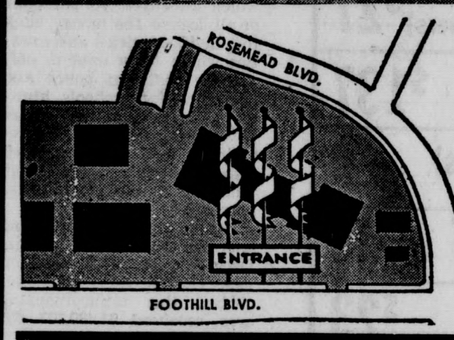
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"Trouble knocked at the door, but hearing a laugh within, hurried away." I hope, I hope, I hope.

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The Fire Prevention Bureau of the City of Sierra Madre is now in the process of inspecting all properties with posting of unimproved property in the near future, and then notification of elimiation of weeds, brush and trash by a certain date. It is our hope that you will take care of your own weed problems as early as possible.

Improved properties will be given a 15 day notice for compliance by the owner. Violations of the deadline will be turned over to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

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which perform a variety of functions. Total expenditures for these districts was about $708 million. Of total revenues of $734 million, $332 million, or about 45 per cent, came from the property tax.

Since special districts vary so widely in their revenue structure, generalizations on the impact of Proposition 13 on special districts cannot be stated with any descriptive accuracy. About all that can be said is that special districts that rely most heavily on the property tax are particularly vulnerable under Proposition 13. A study of the Proposition 13 impact on a specific fire district in suburban Sacramento showed that the distrct would sustain a 70 per cent cut in property tax levy (from 1977-78 to 1978-79). This kind of cut appears to be fairly typical of what fire districts would experience under Proposition 13. Other single - purpose special districts, especially those able to charge user fees for services, might, through a combination of fee increases and service cutbacks, be better able to survive as a functioning unit of government.

PROPOSITION 13: CONFLICTS WITH LEGAL OBLIGATIONS,

RESPONSIBILITIES

Proposition 13 would affect, or come into conflict with, many legal obligations and responsibilities common to all local governments and school districts. Examples of these impacts are:

— Future Bonding Capability. The measure would effectively prohibit any new property taxes for general obligation bonds, by any vote whatever. Future general obligation bonds would have to be financed from within a steadily declining valuation base and be authorized by two-thirds of the "qualifide electors." This would present practical, if not legal, prohibitions against future general obligation bonds, a conclusion which is emphatically underscored by municipal bond analyst George Friedlander, of Smith, Barney, Harris, Upham, and Co. He also notes that the relative quality of existing voted bonded debt could increase because of the special status they possess (i.e. being outside the limit).

— Status of Existing Non-voted Debt. It is difficult, according to Friedlander, to assess the impact of Proposition 13 on lease-purchase bonds. Such bond issues are secured by rental payments from a municipal government (the lessee) to the issuing authority (the lessor). Lease-purchases have been used to finance government buildings, convention and sports facilities, hospitals, parking structures, etc. Since lease-purchase bonds are not voter-approved, they fall outside the limit. There is more than $1.2 billion in outstanding lease-purchase debt in California. Again, according to friedlander, "the fate of . . . (these) issues . . . under Jarvis-Gann depends . . . on the non-ad valorem tax revenues available to the lessee."

— Impact on Existing Redevelopment Debt Based on Tax Increment Financing. Tax-increment financing of redevelopment projects a device that has been extensively used in California. In redevelopment, land which is under-utilized is developed for "higher and better use," causing the total value of the redeveloped land to increase. As value increases, the assessor re-assesses property upward, causing tax yield to increase. Under tax-increment financing, the taxes on the increased value which are accrued since the beginning of a project are allowed to be used by the redevelopment agency to pay for improvements needed to redevelop land, including demolition, grading, drainage, streets, and various other improvements. After the projects are paid for, the incremental value reverts back to the original taxing jurisdiction. There are a variety of devices used to secure redevelopment capital - improvement debt. The most frequently used devise is the tax allocation bond, a revenue bond. About $900 million of the total tax-increment debt of the $1.5 billion is in tax allocation bonds in California.

(To be continued)

Beverage License Fees of $1,495 Paid To Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre has received $1,495 as its six-month share of the special fees paid by holders of alcoholic beverage licenses.

The payment was made by the state's department of alcoholic beverage control which allocates 90 per cent of all license fee money back to individual cities and counties where it is used to offset the costs of police and fire protection, schools, highways, hospitals and other government services. The remaining ten per cent goes into the state's general fund where it is used for similar purposes.

The most recent payment was for the period ending December 31, 1977. Los Angeles County as a whole, including the unincorporated area, received $1,480,107 for the period.

According to George W. Ososke, vice president of the United States Brewers Association, local government throughout the state as a whole received $4,631,989 for the latest distribution period.

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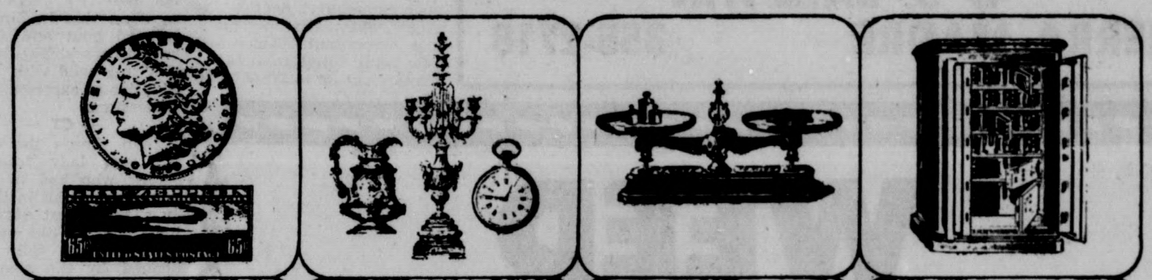
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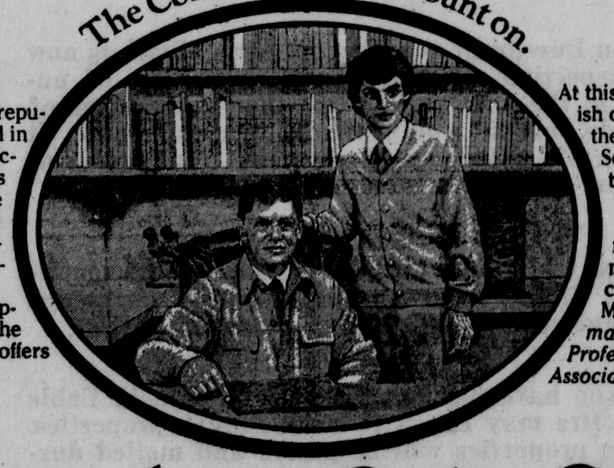


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